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Paid parking takes effect in September

By Paul Webb

Paid parking will become a reality at Conestoga College beginning Sept. 1, according to Jack Williams, director of finance for the college.

A parking fee committee, chaired by Kevin Mullan, the associate director of finance, operated for almost five months, looking at proposals on how to implement paid parking and receiving submissions from groups opposed to the idea.

The committee's recommendations were approved by the college's Board of Governors and are now being implemented by Williams.

The majority of Ontario's 22 community colleges are or are moving to some form of paid parking, said Williams.

With maintenance costs for snow removal, lighting and resurfacing now exceeding \$100,000 per year, the college can no longer take this money from general funds, he said.

"We're using money that belongs to educational purposes to maintain parking lots. This is money that should be going to the academic aspects of the college. We were subsidizing those who drove, and

those who didn't drive were not subsidized at all. It was kind of an unfair situation."

Williams said students will be able to buy parking passes by the semester or year. A new parking lot will open at the sports complex where parking will cost 50 cents a day.

Although an exact amount has not yet been determined, students opting for annual parking might expect to pay fees of around \$70, he said.

"I'm looking at current figures (expenses) that have occurred over the last year and I'm putting them together now. At present, I've estimated something around \$70 average per year, which is just about \$2 a week in round terms," Williams said.

All colleges have, or are moving to, paid parking and some of them are extremely expensive, Williams said.

"We're going to be way under the \$100 mark and it's a matter of the costs we have to put into these parking lots every year," he said.

The new lot will have a machine that dispenses a dated parking ticket at 50 cents for the day. With this system, you park your car,

purchase a ticket from the machine and display it on the dashboard. Since it is dated, students will be able to leave and return during the day.

Metered parking will also be available at 25 cents an hour

with a two-hour maximum. Meters will be in front of the general office and in the first row of spaces in the lot behind the technical wing.

There will be specialized metered parking for handi-

capped people. Motorcycles will be parked on concrete pads at special rates.

Exact fees to be charged for annual or semester parking were being determined this month.

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Paul Webb

Equipment similar to this city of Kitchener ticketing machine may soon be in place

Detweiler electrical centre to open soon

By Rachel Wallace-Oberle

The Daniel B. Detweiler Electrical Skills Centre on the college campus is almost completed and will be ready for students in September.

The centre is named after Daniel Bechtel Detweiler, who was born April 10, 1860. Detweiler bicycled throughout western Ontario in the 1900s at his own expense, sharing his

dream of having electricity brought to the people of his area.

Plans for the centre began a number of years ago but according to centre manager Heinz Peper, "hardcore planning started about three years ago."

Peper is enthusiastic about the new centre. As well as planning much of the building and handling details as small as choosing the piped-in music

and office panelling, Peper has established the rules and regulations, organizes the student's timetables and sees that the centre runs smoothly. He also teaches some classes.

Peper's duties and responsibilities "go far beyond manager's position."

"I was kind of the architect," he said, referring to ideas such as the large corner windows in the lobby, the open office area and the lighting

fixtures in many of the rooms.

The centre offers a 52-week electrical machinery and apparatus course and an electrical apprenticeship program which consists of five eight-week modules alternating with work terms.

Basically, the centre is completed. However, inside work will be finished around September when 48 students will be accepted. Eventually, the number of students will be increased to 200.

According to Peper, the concept of the centre is to provide a hands-on learning experience in as many instances as possible.

"That requires an awful lot of equipment," said Peper.

"Ideally, I'd like class time to be short and concise and limited to about 15 minutes, followed immediately by application."

Peper said long lectures are an ineffective way of learning, and outlined the three laws of learning he applies to the program. The first law is the readiness of the learner, the second law is the readiness of the teacher or the institution and the third is repetition or practice.

"Talking a lot will not do it," said Peper. "We have a lot of apparatus here, old and new, so that the experience gained is broad. It's just like driving.

The more types of vehicles you drive, the better you will be at driving."

The centre is worth approximately \$6 million. Aided with a grant from the federal government, the centre was built when the college cancelled its electrical program due to "an inadequate placement potential, and a failure to meet the needs of industry and to attract and graduate student numbers."

Upon graduation, students can find various positions with companies such as General Electric and Westinghouse.

The centre is spacious with wide halls lined with displays of artifacts and information. Each classroom and lab is named after someone who has contributed to the world of electricity. The Thomas Edison lab is named after the "high priest of direct current". Each classroom is equipped to handle 24 students.

Upon completion, the centre will have a library and a lunch room. Conversation corners with tables, chairs and soft lighting are intended to make the large lobby more relaxing and personable.

As for the puzzling, angular structures adorning each entrance of the centre, Peper laughed and said, "Oh they're just architectural whims. But I think they should have light bulbs all around them."



Rosemary Coates

Heinz Peper, manager of the D.B. Detweiler Centre, standing in front of a powerhouse generator

OPINION

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Parking: A burden to be borne by students

Although the specific fee has yet to be decided upon, paid parking at Conestoga College is a reality and will go into effect in September.

The average patron of the parking lot is not going to quibble with the fee which Jack Williams, Director of Finance and Administration, has said will be under \$100. However, one must stop and consider the implications underlying such an act.

The rural setting of Doon necessitates some form of transportation for the majority of students and faculty members. Thus, a car can be seen as a necessity - not a luxury - in order to get to the campus. Therefore, it stands to reason that a parking lot is as much a necessity for Doon as washrooms, drinking fountains and light bulbs.

The question then is where do we draw the line at charging patrons for necessities, which for the most part, have always been included in the cost of maintaining an institution. This year we are faced with paid parking; maybe next year it will be a cover charge for the cafeteria or slot machines on the doors in the washrooms. Look around you. There are a lot of necessities on this campus which could be turned into revenue producers to meet the never-ending demands of the budget.

It has been argued that only those who use the parking lot should be made to pay for this service. But, since when do students, or Canadians for that matter, pay only for those services which they personally use? Not everyone uses the athletic centre here, not everyone uses the health services or the daycare facilities. However, everyone pays indirectly for these services for the betterment of the whole. Parking is no different.

Students and faculty will accept paid parking at Conestoga because the proposed fee isn't going to be hefty enough to really destroy anyone's budget. Nevertheless, we should be asking why some of us are going to be paying extra for a service which should be considered a necessary part of the upkeep of any institution. In future, we have to ask if we will be made to pay for paper for the washrooms, paint for the walls and carpet for the floors.

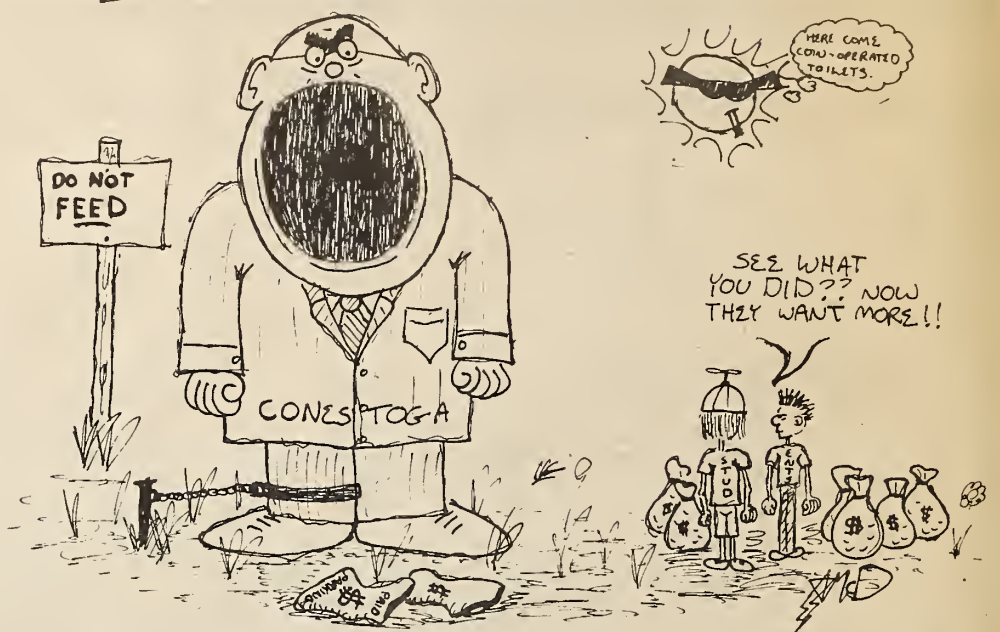
— Marie Wilson

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PAID PARKING STARTS SEPT. 1



Question of the week

What do you think of paid parking?



"It's bad enough on gas without having to pay for parking." — D'Arcy Fuciarelli, computer programmer/analyst



"If they really need the money for snow removal, I think it's justified." — Mike Lantink, computer programmer/analyst



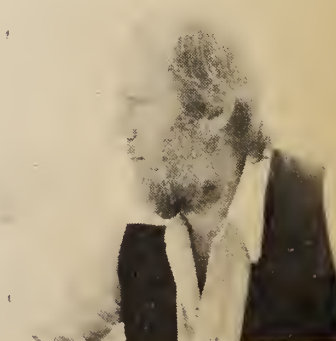
"I don't think we should have to pay, we pay enough for tuition." — Shelley Moffat, computer programmer/analyst



"The only reason I came to Conestoga was for the free parking." — Matthew Thompson, computer programmer/analyst



"I don't think they should do it." — Patti McGregor, computer programmer/analyst



"The government is not going to increase O.S.A.P." — Alfred Gamble, mechanical engineering

Our taxes should not be spent on prejudice

By Bob McDonald

The issue of separate school funding has been receiving a lot of publicity lately, but there are apparently no politicians in the province of Ontario who are brave enough to stand up against the obvious religious discrimination inherent in such practices.

The Ontario government, seemingly out of fear of alienating the Roman Catholic bloc vote, has encouraged the promotion and institutionalization

of one religion at the expense of all others and at the expense of the taxpayer.

It is true that the supposedly public school system is in reality the white Anglo-Saxon Protestant school system, but that is no reason to further segregate children from different religious backgrounds. The focus should be on making the existing public school system a healthy environment for all children and eliminating all religious prejudice in education.

Money should be spent on improv-

ing the abysmally poor quality of public education in this province, not on the division of one poor system into two worse systems.

This is not to criticize the quality of the separate school system, as it is no doubt comparable to the public system. The point is that the only difference between the two is that a religious education is incorporated in the curriculum at separate schools. The two systems should be combined in order to standardize and improve education and religion should be left in the home or church.

There is enough discrimination in this world as it is without encouraging children to make distinctions on the basis of religion. A single public system that does not discriminate could be a good place for children to learn to judge others on their abilities, not religion or dress or nationality. Children are not born with these prejudices and it would certainly be easier for them to never learn them than to have to unlearn them.

It is time for some brave politicians to begin campaigning for true freedom of religion.

ENTERTAINMENT

Spot of the week

The Yellow Rose: Big Country

By Maggie Schnarr
and
Marie Wilson

Conestoga students can look forward to being urban cowboys for an evening this fall at a special pub presented by the area's newest country night spot, The Yellow Rose.

Located on Coronation Boulevard in Cambridge, the former Loblaw's grocery store has been transformed into a large authentic ranch house restaurant. A large yellow neon rose is easily spotted from Highway 8, beckoning one and all to come in.

At the upcoming college night, students can try their hand at riding a mechanical horse, swirl to the sounds of top-notch country bands and dig into hearty chuck wagon grub. The variety of dishes

available include burgers, Texas chili and steaks. The most expensive item on the menu is an 8 oz. New York sirloin steak with all the trimmings for \$8.95.

The Yellow Rose, Canada's largest country bar, opened in June. The two-level restaurant/bar is licenced for 780 patrons.

Lightly stained knotty-pine railings, neon roses, saloon style furniture, Texan longhorns, saddles and other western paraphernalia elicits a warm, country-style atmosphere.

A lifesize mechanical horse (a roll-o-roper) imported from Wyoming contributes to the fun.

Enthusiastic would-be cowboys (some participants are off-season rodeo cowboys) sit

atop the horse and lasso a spring-loaded calf as it comes charging across the dance floor during the intermissions.

Gregg Chipman, general manager of the Rose, said his bar does not compete with Lulu's, another popular roadhouse in the area, but complements it.

The musical offerings differ, as well as the atmosphere, he said, and one idea he had to capitalize on their differences was to co-ordinate bus tours from the U.S. which would include stops at Lulu's, the Rose, and area tourist attractions.

"We want to offer the best in country entertainment at all times and we want to keep the level (of entertainment) consistent," Chipman said.

"When people come to the Yellow Rose we want them to know without having to look at the billboard, that there is going to be a good band playing."

To date, the Rose has featured such high profile acts as Nashville's Ed Bruce (his first Canadian appearance), Valdy, Terry Sumson, and the Mercy Brothers.

Cover charges vary from Wednesday to Saturday. Women get in free Wednesday, Thursday the admission is \$3, and Friday and Saturday nights it costs \$4.

This way no one feels the pinch at the door even though the entertainment could easily warrant a higher fare, Chip-



Marie Wilson

man said, although the cover charge for feature bands will range from \$5 to \$8.

Aside from the college pub night, the bar plans a Texas chili cook-off to coincide with the Canadian debut of Texas Lone Star beer, and a rodeo.

A souvenir stand will offer hat-pins, belt buckles, cowboy hats, suspenders and T-shirts

saying, "I roped her at the Yellow Rose."

The Yellow Rose in Cambridge is the first in a series of franchises. Owner Ray Houser of Waterloo plans to expand to the Oshawa area within the next two years.

The Oshawa ranch house will be three times as large as its Cambridge counterpart.

Upcoming events

By Maggie Schnarr

Conestoga College students can look forward to a variety of activities this fall, when the new year kicks into full swing.

Thursday evening pubs and orientation events are scheduled for the first week of September.

Sandy Nay, activities co-ordinator for the Doon Student

Association, said pubs will feature the same calibre of bands which played here last year.

Entertainment last year included Tres Hombres, The Riverstreet Band, Gowan, Pukka Orchestra and Glider.

Noon hour entertainment and various contests will also be featured this year plus the annual polar plunge in February and Oktoberfest celebrations.

'War game' now big business for student



Rosemary Coates

By Rosemary Coates

When Joe Kimpson isn't studying for exams, keeping up with his homework, chasing females, or engaging in activities that any other 21-year-old college student would engage in, he's co-owner of a business that encourages people to stalk, hunt and kill.

Kimpson is a third-year graduate marketing student at the Doon campus of Conestoga College in Kitchener who has cashed in on the rising interest in what is fast becoming a

Canadian pastime, the Survival Game, and has taken the plunge into the world of student-run businesses.

The game was invented by two Americans and, although the Survival Game is a franchised company, many variations have sprung up across the United States and Canada. One such variation is Kimpson's adventure game entitled Flag Raiders.

For those who have never played the game, teams wearing camouflage gear attempt to capture the "enemy" flag

and return safely to home base while dodging paint-filled pellets fired by members of the opposing team from imitation machine guns. The game is best defined as an adult version of the childhood favorite, capture-the-flag.

Two summers ago, Kimpson and a couple of friends went to Hamilton in the middle of August to play the Survival Game. By the time they actually got to play, it was the beginning of October and there were 60 people playing. When they saw how popular the game was, they decided it might be a good business. The idea may have gone nowhere, except that Kimpson used his interest in the game as the basis for a marketing survey project.

His research included reading every magazine and newspaper article he could find on the game, a comprehensive marketing report on the basic start-up costs, and an attempt to find suppliers, land and a look at the competition.

Once Kimpson found a gun supplier, obtained insurance coverage and decided on a land site big enough to play the game, Flag Raiders began to look like a feasible business

proposition. All that was needed was financial backing.

First, he applied to the Student Venture Capital Program. It offers interest-free loans of up to \$2,000 for students to operate summer businesses.

Next he borrowed from a bank with his father's co-signature. He needed \$15,000.

The student venture program is operated through Ontario Youth Enterprise, as part of the Ontario government's Ontario Youth Opportunities program. Sponsors of the program include, the Ontario Youth Secretariat, the Royal Bank of Canada and the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

A few of his friends were initially skeptical about Kimpson's plans.

"At first they thought it was just talk, but now everyone is curious about how it's going. Everyone says they're going to come out and play, but whether they do is another thing," Kimpson said.

The game itself has been the focus of some controversy, but Kimpson says that people do not have a basis for an opinion of the game until they've actually played it.

Some players really get into

the game by putting on camouflage gear and face paint, but Kimpson feels that's what makes the game.

"It's just like when you're playing hockey, you don't walk around with just skates and a stick. You wear everything, not only for protection but for psychological reasons as well. It makes you feel good," he said.

"Dr. Gerrard DeGre, a retired sociology professor at the University of Waterloo, has conducted research into war games and military re-enactments.

DeGre says "games" such as survival games are the civilian equivalent to military games conducted by the armed forces.

For whatever the reason, the survival game is still popular, if Kimpson's business is any indication of the overall picture.

Flag Raiders is busier than last year at this time and Kimpson is finding that whole offices and companies are coming out to play.

"Some people say the game is at its peak, but there are so many who haven't heard about it or just haven't come out to play yet. It's a social thing," Kimpson said.

SPORTS



Rosemary Coates

There is no shortage of participants in Conestoga's daycamp.

Summer fun for kids at college

By Barbara Aldridge

The pitter patter of little feet in the cafeteria is a sure sign that summer has arrived at Doon Campus.

July and August are hectic months at the Conestoga College Recreation Centre for the leaders and organizers of summer day camps.

Mary Wright, director of the Summer Sports Experience Camp, works with children between the ages of 10 and 17.

"The activities operate from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays," says Wright. "We concentrate on four different skills areas which are badminton, basketball, squash and tennis."

Staffing includes three leaders who handle recreational activities and specialized skills instructors who come in to work with the children in the specific sports areas.

Wright said special days are planned for the children including outings to Bingeman Park and a swimming day.

The last Thursday of each session is an overnight camping experience during which Wright says the "staff get no sleep."

Each session runs for two weeks and costs \$80 per child. The cost for two or more children is \$160. The sport camps run from July 2 to August 9.

Carol Conner, camp director of Summer Fun Camp, organizes activities for five to 11-year-olds. "Basically, it's active games, passive games, arts and crafts, scavenger hunts and special Olympic days," said Conner.

Excursions involve trips to Bingeman Park, Ontario Place and Canada's Wonderland. On rainy days the children are taken roller skating.

The fun camp, which goes from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, has four leaders, and volunteers are available for the excursions.

The camps run from July 2 to Aug. 23 and are divided into four two-week sessions.

"Usually it's just been three sessions but we had such a demand for it we added on an extra session," said Conner.

The cost of the Fun Camp is \$52 for a two-week session, and \$75 for two or more children.

Sports programs at centre

By Maggie Schnarr

Now that summer has finally made its long-awaited entrance, students at Conestoga College may want to tone up their muscles or participate in intramural activities.

Current programs being offered include co-ed three-pitch baseball, soccer, golf and tennis tournaments, and squash and tennis ladders.

Barb McCauley, athletic officer at the Conestoga Sports Centre said she is still waiting to hear from people who may want to sign up for these programs.

"People on campus may not know enough about the programs," she said.

"I would like to run the

programs during a lunch hour or a spare. I'd be willing to do that but maybe I'll have to go into the classrooms and talk to the students."

This is only the second year summer intramural activities have been offered.

Only 300 to 400 students attend classes during the summer and many may hold part-time jobs after class. Car pools and other transportation problems may also be deterrents, she said.

McCauley said students are more likely to involve themselves with individual sports such as tennis and squash ladders.

A ladder is a board of names

set up in a pyramid style so a player can contact another player in the row above and challenge him or her to a match.

"There's a squash ladder on right now that's doing well," McCauley said. "People seem to like playing squash here."

It costs nothing for the Doon students to participate in activities at the Complex, as the activity fees are included in their tuition.

Besides the intramural programs, students can try out the weight-training equipment in the gymnasium at the centre.

Fitness classes have stopped for the summer, but will resume some time in August.

Centre ice takes heat off

By Bill Ashwell

Summer is the time of year when thoughts of ice rinks and figure skating are the furthest things from most people's minds. But for the 80 skaters currently training at the National Pairs Centre of Canada at the Conestoga Centre it's the main thing on their minds.

The summer figure skating school, run by internationally recognized figure skating coach Kerry Leitch, is currently entering its fourth year at Conestoga. It attracts seasoned veterans and budding newcomers with dreams of national or international competition.

The skaters, however, realize the work that is cut out for them. Leitch's programs combine both on and off-ice conditioning. Skaters must take classes in dance and music, instruction in grooming, etiquette and public speaking, as well as conditioning sessions such as weight-training, jogging and stretching. All this

because Leitch believes the athletes must be able to handle themselves as well off the ice as they do on.

Leitch's staff consists of 10 on-ice coaches, two off-ice conditioning coaches, a physiotherapist, a music consultant, and a sports psychologist, because he says that in order to train a winner, training must meet all the skater's needs.

Instruction in figure skating is given at all age levels. The minimum age for enrolment is eight. "There is no maximum age limit for skaters. We have an Olympic athlete who's 26 years old," Leitch said.

"Skaters don't usually mature ability-wise until their 20s," he added.

Since it is a pairs training centre, emphasis is placed on pairs figure skating. However, the problem of finding a partner is harder for the girls than it is for the boys since the 35 boys are outnumbered by 10.

For established pairs, no problem exists. "We have four pairs that are internationally ranked. Our top pair (Lyndon) Johnston and (Melinda) Kunhegyi are ranked fifth in the world. (Mark) Rowsom and (Cynthia) Coull are the Canadian champs. Lloyd Eisler and Karen Westby as well as Christine Hough and Doug Ladret have a lot of potential. They could do real well this year," Leitch said.

The Conestoga Centre is the permanent home for the National Pairs Centre of Canada and training goes on year round. The summer training session lasts eight weeks.

"Right now we're getting ready for our first international competitions. They're coming up in mid August in France and Germany," Leitch said.

For those with dreams of Olympic gold dancing in their heads the training is no cakewalk. Sessions last from 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Elite pairs training is in the afternoon.



Paul Webb

Christine Hough, one half of a pairs team training under Kerry Leitch at Conestoga Centre.

New cafeteria hours

Summer hours have gone into effect at the Doon Campus cafeteria, which now is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Services end at 3 p.m. but the cafeteria area will remain

open for those who want to study or socialize.

Beginning Aug. 26, hours will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sept. 16 the cafeteria will stay open until 9 p.m.